

2012 Transportation Supervisors' Continuing Education Program

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Legal Authority for Transportation Supervisors' Continuing Education Program

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Sec. 51

(2) The person or persons in charge of school bus operations at a school shall have, at a minimum, successfully completed the beginning school bus driver training program in his or her first year serving as the person or persons in charge of the operation. The person or persons in charge of school bus operations at a school shall successfully complete 6 hours of supervisory continuing education every 2 years after the successful completion of the beginning school bus driver training program. The continuing education course or courses shall be approved by the superintendent of public instruction and shall be provided by an approved educational agency.

Comments on What Was, What Is, and What Will Be

Since 2006-08, curriculum development and instructor staff objectives are to introduce and improve the use of technology among fleet managers; increase interaction among fleet managers and expert resources; and easily access fleet management and operation resources. The Action Management Plans Program of 2006-08 required the use of a computer by supervisor groups to complete class activities. The goal was to introduce computers and their use in the program.

In 2008-10, we introduced the memory stick. Each supervisor had to bring a laptop to class or access a workstation to participate in class activities. The innovation with this program was that supervisors brought back to their offices these memory sticks stocked with website addresses and thousands of pages of materials they could access when they needed them.

We hope to close the circle with the 2010-12 continuing education program. Dividing the six (6) hour program into two (2) components provides more interaction with and among fleet administrators. The technology used to make this happen provides supervisors with flexibility in scheduling when and where they access the continuing education program. If they wish, supervisors may take the two-hour and four-hour continuing education program online on a Sunday afternoon at their cottage "up north." Inside this circle is bundled all the resources necessary for a fleet administrator to successfully manage his/her fleet today and prepare for what will be necessary for tomorrow.

2010-12 Continuing Education Program Goals

1. Increase communication among and with school bus fleet administrators.
2. Fleet managers will have easier access to management information and resources.
3. Showcase technologies that support access to management information and opportunities for greater interaction among fleet administrators.

2010 – 2012 Supervisors’ Continuing Education Program Presentation and Time Schedule

Time	Min	Topics
9:30 – 9:35	5	Introduction
9:35 – 10:35	60	Presentation
		Section I – Management Resources
		Section II – School Bus Drivers & Vehicle Operators
		Section III – Vehicle Maintenance & Operation
		Section IV – School Bus Riders
10:35 – 10:50	15	Presentation Q & A
10:50 – 11:00	10	Break & Set up for Panel Discussion Q & A
11:00 – 11:35	35	Panel Discussion and Q & A
11:35 – 11:40	<u>5</u>	Wrap-up comments
	130	120 instruction + 10 break